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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN LIBERIA

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 129 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/49/812.

2. At its 56th and 58th meetings, on 14 and 23 June 1995, the Fifth Committee considered the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia". Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/49/SR.56 and 58).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/49/L.57

3. At the 58th meeting, on 23 June, the representative of Ireland, on behalf of the Chairman introduced and orally corrected a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia" (A/C.5/49/L.57), which was submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/49/L.57 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN LIBERIA

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolution 866 (1993) of 22 September 1993, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council renewed the mandate of the Observer Mission, the latest of which was resolution 985 (1995) of 13 April 1995,

Recalling also its decision 48/478 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 49/232 of 23 December 1994,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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1/ A/49/571/Add.2.

2/ A/49/786/Add.1.

1. Takes note of the status of assessed contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia as at 20 June 1995, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 9,267,175 United States dollars, and urges all Member States concerned to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission promptly and in full;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that all United Nations activities related to the Liberian peace process are administered in a coordinated fashion with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia an amount of 4,781,400 dollars gross (4,533,300 dollars net), authorized and apportioned in accordance with resolution 49/232 for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 14 January to 13 April 1995;

7. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 3,695,200 dollars gross (3,442,200 dollars net), authorized and apportioned in accordance with resolution 49/232, for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 14 April to 30 June 1995;

8. Decides further, with regard to the period from 1 July to 31 December 1995, to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 8,527,300 dollars gross (7,943,300 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Observer Mission and to apportion these amounts among Member States at the rate of 1,421,200 dollars gross (1,323,900 dollars net) per month in accordance with the scheme set out in resolution 49/232, taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997, as set out in General Assembly resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994, subject to the extension of the mandate of the Observer Mission by the Security Council;

9. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 584,000 dollars, which is equivalent to a monthly rate of 97,300 dollars, approved for the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1995;

10. Decides also that there shall be set off against the assessment of Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the amount of 395,553 dollars gross (436,290 dollars net) remaining from the assessment for the period from 14 April to 30 June 1995, which represents the balance remaining between the commitment authority approved in resolution 49/232 and the appropriation provided for in paragraph 7 of the present resolution;

11. Invites voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991.